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2. REPORTEDLY THERE ARE COPIES OF AN AUDIO TAPE CIRCULATING WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY COLONEL JULIO ROBERTO ((ALPIREZ)) DURING A SESSION WITH GUATEMALAN NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2) LAWYER GUSTAVO ADOLFO ((MONROY)) ESPANA. MONROY WAS INSTRUCTING COLONEL ALPIREZ AND A GROUP OF OTHER OFFICERS ON HOW TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES DURING THE COVERUP OF THE JUNE 1990 MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL ((DEVINE)). ON THE TAPE, ALPIREZ REPORTEDLY RESISTS THE COVERUP PLAN, BUT IN THE END, ACQUIESCES TO IT. STATION IS NOT AWARE OF ANY COPIES OF THE TAPE BEING IN EMBASSY HANDS, ALTHOUGH "SEVERAL" COPIES ARE CIRCULATING IN THE U.S., ACCORDING TO ONE EMBASSY PRESS CONTACT. THE UPSHOT OF THE TAPE IS THAT THE ARMY COVERUP OF THE DEVINE CASE WAS ORGANIZED FROM THE START BY THEN MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL LUIS ENRIQUE ((MENDOZA)) GARCIA.

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